

SAVED HIS LIFE, THEN RUINED IT, HUSBAND ASSERTS

Ash Accuses Man Who Rescued Wife, Child and Self From Drowning.

TWO DIVORCE ACTIONS.

Krueger Won Mrs. Ash's Affections, Manufacturer Says—His Story Denied.

The story of a life ruined by the man who saved it will be told and denied when the divorce suit of Sidney Ash is tried at White Plains.

In affidavits already on file in Supreme Court Mr. Ash, President of Sidney Ash, Inc., manufacturers of toilet articles, names Bernard H. Krueger as co-respondent.

Ash says that on Labor Day, 1918, he and his wife, Betty Craft Ash, and one of their two children were taking an outing in a sailboat near College Point when a gust of wind upset their craft. All three were in danger of drowning when Krueger, an athletic young man, succeeded in rescuing them all. The affidavits do not describe just how the rescues were made, but there was heroism enough in the act to impress profoundly both Ash and his wife. In fact, if the husband's story is confirmed his wife must have been even more deeply impressed than he was.

Both took an interest in the welfare of young Krueger and when the Ash family moved from their New York home to New Rochelle, Krueger went and lived with them, it is alleged, nominally as a \$13-a-week boarder, but actually, Ash says, as a rather expensive guest who paid nothing, borrowed money from his host and never repaid it.

Ash says Krueger soon began to act as if he were a member of the family if not the head of it, taking part in family disputes and always siding with Mrs. Ash. The time came, he says, when it was necessary to order Krueger out of the house. But after that, he says, he learned his wife was meeting Krueger at intervals in New York. Once, he says, he found his wife in a Stamford, Conn., hospital, apparently suffering from aphasia, although he says he was assured she was "faking."

Last June, Ash says, he came home and found a note from his wife saying she could live with him no longer. In trying to guess where she had gone, presumably with Krueger, he remembered she had been ambitious to get into the movies. So he guessed Los Angeles and proved to be right. He wired begging her to return and promising forgiveness, he says, but she refused. He then started the divorce suit. His wife had been arrested in Los Angeles, but he directed that she be released, and she returned to New Rochelle and entered a counter suit for divorce, mentioning "an unknown woman" in New Rochelle and at a New York hotel.

The latest court action in the case is an order by Supreme Court Justice Morschauer, granting Mrs. Ash \$250 for preliminary counsel fees. She asked for more and said her husband's income was \$12,000 a year, which she denied.

There is an affidavit by Krueger denying the husband's charges and promising retaliation at the trial. Another affidavit is by Juliette Teschner, who says Mrs. Ash admitted her love for Krueger, but complained that he did not return it. Miss Teschner, who lives at No. 40 Hamilton Avenue, New Rochelle, also says Mrs. Ash told her she sometimes burst inwardly for love of Krueger, a feeling only a woman can know.

The affidavit of Mrs. Ash says she was married in Brooklyn in July, 1905. There are two children—Emanuel, fourteen, and Victor, six. Mrs. Ash says her husband treated her harshly and even accused her of taking money from Krueger.

IN DEBT, TRIES SUICIDE.

Hallstrom Tells Police He Was Melancholy Over Lumber Bill.

Alfred Hallstrom, 38, No. 1635 West Eighth Street, corner of Kings Highway, Brooklyn, shot himself in the forehead with a revolver to-day. He was taken to Coney Island Hospital, where it was said he might recover.

Hallstrom is alleged to have told the police at Sheepshead Bay Station that he had been building a house and owed money for lumber, which he was unable to pay. He said he became melancholy and shot himself.

MORE COAL MINERS AT WORK.

Many in Wilkes-Barre District Do Not Wait for Committee Action.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 14.—More miners went back to work to-day in the Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming districts, without waiting for the Policy Committee to make known its findings. The various coal companies reported that eighty colliers are now at work in this valley.

There were seventy-five mines working yesterday, representing an increase in to-day's operations of at least five full collieries with good sized forces.

Leaders of the English-speaking miners declared the majority of the men are ready to go back to work.

Had Father's "Stolen" Auto. Sidney Spiegel, eighteen, arrested by Patrolman Michael Majewski at 3 o'clock this morning in the Bronx for driving an automobile without a license was found on being taken into the Manhattan Court to be driving the machine which his father, Isadore, of No. 2320 Garden Avenue, Hoboken, had reported stolen ten days ago. Magistrate Ten Eyck fined Sidney \$5.

Hoppe, English Camera Expert, Picks Twelve "American Beauties"

From the Selections of Discriminating Evening World Readers



ALL HIS TROUBLES IN LOVE PACKAGE, SCULPTOR WROTE

Mrs. Edstrom Submits Letters From Husband in Asking Big Alimony.

"All the hell, all the trouble, that has come to me in life has come to me wrapped up as a love package."

This package is contained in a letter submitted to Supreme Court Justice Wagner to-day by Mrs. Cora B. Edstrom, wife of David Edstrom, internationally famous Swedish sculptor, whom she is suing for separation. Mrs. Edstrom said her husband wrote the letter to her from Sewanee, Tenn., April 6, 1916. With other letters it was submitted to the court in connection with Mrs. Edstrom's application for \$1,000 a month alimony and \$5,000 counsel fees.

Mrs. Edstrom said that while she was in the Fletcher Sanatorium, in California, her husband wrote the following letter to her on Jan. 7, 1917:

"You just said it when you mentioned freedom. I long for it, dream for it, taste it. In my heart I work for it. I am jeopardizing my work, my prosperity, my success, in the money I am spending to keep you in the sanatorium. I hope to get an honorable freedom some time."

"The grind of so-called love and enforced responsibility is hell, spelled with a capital H and a dozen elis." In papers submitted by his attorney, Edstrom said that before his marriage his wife was under the influence of a Russian named Eugene de Perzen, whom he described as a financial promoter, and that as a result of a "serious financial difficulty" he was forced to liquidate \$5,000 of his wife's obligations. He added that as a result of his wife's extravagance he was in "constant financial distress."

Edstrom, who came to the United States forty years ago when he was a boy of seven, told the court his net earnings as a sculptor since 1915 were \$6,500 and that he earned \$1,750 more by his writings and lectures. He said he was forced to borrow \$2,500, for which he is still indebted. He declared he was forced by circumstances to spend a frugal year in a monastery in Tennessee and that for six months he lived in a \$125 a day room at the National Arts Club.

His wife, on the other hand, contends that Edstrom lives in luxury, "surrounded by every comfort a gentleman desires." Edstrom, who came from his home in the West on a freight train when a youth and staked his passage to Europe to study, is a member of the British Royal Academy and his works are on display in the world's leading museums.

ROB CLUB HOUSE OF \$490.

Stewardess Round and Thrown Into Booth—Baited the Thief Away.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Frank Silver, stewardess of the Branford and Armstrong Silk Company's club house, was attacked by two strange men this morning, gagged, bound, roughly handled and thrown into a telephone booth, where she managed to communicate with the police station.

The men robbed the house of \$490 and considerable silverware and escaped in an automobile.

"WAY DOWN EAST." You must see it. 410 St. Theatre—Adm.

ALL the photographs submitted by readers of The Evening World and printed in this paper were sent at the termination of The Evening World's American Beauty contest to E. O. Hoppe, the celebrated camera artist of London, who seeks the five American Beauties of the United States. Mr. Hoppe has made a selection of the most beautiful women from the photographs sent him, and their pictures appear above. His letter follows:

To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World: To select from the vast number of photographs submitted to me a total of five seemed to present an almost impossible problem, and it was only by a process of gradual elimination that I arrived at a decision. Again, the size and the quality of some of the photographs added not a little to my embarrassment in formulating an accurate impression of the subjects. I would, however, place in alphabetical order:

Mrs. Angier B. Duke.
Mrs. Preston Gibson.
Mrs. Lydie Hoyt.
Miss Millie Rogers.
Miss John Wanamaker Jr.
Mrs. James Macartney.
Mrs. Gurnee Munn.
Miss Helmar Livingston.
Mrs. Peter Cooper.
Mrs. Charles B. Dillingham.
Mrs. Leonine Milchman.

By special arrangement with The Evening World, Mr. Hoppe has consented to make camera portraits of the beauties whom he selected from the choices of the readers of The Evening World. These pictures will be made as soon as appointments can be arranged by the editor, and upon their completion will be published exclusively in this newspaper.

ACCUSED OF SETTING ROADHOUSE ON FIRE

Owner of Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, Structure Held Without Bail to Answer Charge.

James J. Cleary, forty-five years old, owner of a two-story frame house at No. 5124 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, which was partly burned last Sunday night, was held without bail to-day in New Jersey Avenue Court on a charge of arson, second degree.

Detective Sergeant Harry Beck of Brownsville precinct, said the fire had been set in three places, and that candles had been set at such an angle that the flame would catch the woodwork. The detective said also that Cleary had insured the furniture for \$3,500, which was considerably over its value. The house was a landmark in that section of Brooklyn and half a century ago was well known as a roadhouse.

3-CENT FERRY TO ASTORIA.

New City Line Will Have Three Boats in Operation.

Three-cent passenger fares will be in effect on the city's newest ferry line between East 52d Street, Manhattan, and Astoria, L. I., on which service will be started Monday, Sept. 27. It was announced to-day by Commissioner of Plants and Structures Whalen.

The city's new ferry line is the old privately owned Astoria Ferry. Three boats will be in service Oct. 1, on a fifteen minute schedule between six in the morning and nine in the evening. The line is expected to give truck farmers in Queens better access to Manhattan and Bronx markets.

50 MORE CASES OF "IT" GONE

Burglars Get 600 Quarts at Two West Side Homes.

Thirty cases of fine liquors have been stolen from the cellar of Jacob Strauss of No. 21 West 49th Street, and twenty cases from the cellar of his son-in-law, Dr. M. I. Schanberg, who lives next door at No. 53, it was revealed to-day. The two families are spending the summer at Elberon, N. J., and the thieves gained entrance through the skylights, and after sampling a bottle of whiskey in each cellar, took the cases of liquor out through a basement door. Considerable silverware was stolen from Dr. Schanberg's home, but pending the return of the owner the value of the silver could not be learned.

TROLLEY SPILLS 250 CANS OF MILK

Horses of Wagon Break Away and Dash Over Bridge—Driver Is Injured.

A Third Avenue surface car to-day struck a Borden's milk truck as it swung from Centre Street into the north roadway of Brooklyn Bridge, spilling 250 cans of milk, injuring the driver, Ernest Macko of No. 116 Third Avenue, and causing the horses to run away. The harness became entangled in the bridge steelwork and the horses were stopped, Policeman Rector finishing the job.

Macko, who had been thrown from his seat to the pavement by the jar, was attended by Dr. Schieb of Volunteer Hospital, at the police emergency hospital at the bridge entrance.

FAYOLLE TO SAIL SEPT. 18.

Will Represent France at American Legion Convention.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Gen. Fayolle, who will represent the French Government at the Convention of the American Legion in Cleveland late this month, will sail for the United States on the French line steamer Laszavole on Sept. 18, it was announced to-day.

This arrangement supercedes a previous one by which Gen. Fayolle was to go to America on the transport Argonne.

McAdoo to Speak in Three States.

The National Democratic Committee announced to-day that William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, would speak in the interests of the Democratic Party in New York, Indiana and Illinois, or in any other States in which the committee might suggest.

Cop Shot by Own Revolver.

Patrolman Patrick Greaves, twenty-five years old, of No. 185 East 99th Street, attached to the Sixth Avenue Station, Brooklyn, was wounded in the right leg when his revolver went off as he removed it from the holster at his home this morning. He was taken to Reception Hospital. His condition is not serious.

Painter on Scaffold Killed.

Thomas W. Trues, sixty, a painter of No. 183 E. 96th Street, was instantly killed to-day when a rope which supported a scaffold on which he was working at No. 236 Concord Avenue, the Bronx, broke and threw him to the pavement three stories below.

HUSBAND KEEPS UP THREE HOMES, SAYS MRS. PUTTMANN

Costs Importer \$27,500 a Year, Declares Wife Asking Big Alimony.

Paul Puttmann maintains three households at an annual cost of \$27,500 and last year paid \$21,000 in income tax, Mrs. Edith Puttmann set forth in affidavits to show the financial ability of her husband to pay \$1,500 a month alimony and \$2,000 counsel fees pending her suit for divorce in Supreme Court. By agreement made to-day she will receive \$300 a month alimony and \$500 counsel fees. Papers were served on Mr. Puttmann at No. 154 Nassau Street.

In her affidavit Mrs. Puttmann described her husband as "senior member of Paul Puttmann & Co., Importers, exporters and manufacturers." She added he has a city home at No. 251 West 87th Street, which costs \$10,000 a year to keep up; a country place at New City, N. Y., costing \$7,500 a year to maintain, and that he maintains a third establishment in Waverley Place, the home of a protégée with a young child, at an annual cost of \$10,000. No connection with the divorce suit is implied by this reference to the protégée, excepting to show the scale at which the husband lives.

In her papers Mrs. Puttmann names a correspondent and alleges improper conduct from July 21 to 30 last and on Aug. 7. The Puttmanns were married Oct. 5, 1896, at Montclair, Ont.

DEMOCRATS AID WAR MEMORIAL

Elmhurst "Drive" for \$100,000 Home Boomed by Queens Organization at Carnival.

The Amerind Democratic Club, of which Mason O. Smedley is President, has taken up the "drive" for \$100,000 for a memorial home at Elmhurst for war heroes. At the annual athletic carnival of the club on Saturday addresses were made by a dozen candidates and public officials, all urging support of the project.

Joseph Flanagan, Secretary of Queens borough, was the principal speaker and made an earnest appeal for support of the \$100,000. A delegation from the Women's Democratic Organization of Queens and also a large delegation from the American Legion were on the platform. George Burnes, candidate for Assembly, has designated as President of the Elmhurst Post so as to keep the Legion out of politics.

WAS WITNESS OF LINCOLN SHOOTING

Police Judge Batchelder, Gen. Butler's Secretary During War, Dies at Seventy-Six.

Police Judge Wesley K. Batchelder of Cranford, N. J., a spectator of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, died to-day at his home, No. 11 Holly Street. He was seventy-six years old. During the Civil War he was Gen. Benjamin F. Butler's secretary, and was present in Ford's Theatre, Washington, when Booth shot the President. Mr. Batchelder's position had brought him in contact with Lincoln frequently and he often delivered talks about him in recent years.

He was born in Bath, N. H., was a coal wholesaler in Boston and retired from business six years ago. He was a Mason for fifty years.

Don't Miss "WAY DOWN EAST." Grand Palace 410 St. Theatre—Adm.

HEIRESS WHO HIRED OUT PLAYED PRANK, SAYS HER MOTHER

Mrs. S. A. Fletcher, "Pal" of Her Lively Daughter, Sees Everything O. K. Again.

In a semi-darkened room at the Waldorf a slender, young looking woman is resting after a rather strenuous day. She is Mrs. S. A. Fletcher, mother of Louisa Fletcher, the Indianapolis heiress, who disappeared from her father's home and "hired out" to an Ipswich farmer as a male farm hand under the name of "Willie Sullivan."

"I am frightfully 'tired,'" Mrs. Fletcher said as she rested on the bed and spoke of "Louisa's prank." "Mr. Fletcher and I were both wor-

ried over Louisa, but now that we have her with us and she is going to art school in New York we are all right."

Mrs. Fletcher is so vivacious and young that when she asserted that she and her daughter are just like "pals" and understand each other "perfectly" this can be easily understood.

"Louisa is a wonderful artist," said Mrs. Fletcher with the combined pride of a mother and a real chum. "I know that she will make her name in the art world, and therefore I want her to have the best of teachers and the New York atmosphere. I am going to live with her this winter at No. 34 Gramercy Park. She is to study art under the direction of Miss Fellette Howell, whose studio is at No. 55 West 57th Street, and together we are to see the town."

When it was suggested to Mrs. Fletcher that perhaps Louisa felt like "the poor little rich girl" she shrugged her shoulders and declared she did not believe this true. "There was some misunderstanding between her French and English teachers," admitted the mother, "but since Louisa and I have always been such chums I know she would have come to me. I think Louisa just wanted to have a little prank, so she assumed the 'Willie Sullivan' personality to get a new light on life. Or she may have roved around and got just as she says. At any rate, I am in perfect sympathy with her, and so is her father."

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